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FROM: The Hague

TO: Secretary of State

NO: 245, October 5, 9 A. M.

ACTION DEPARTMENT 245, INFORMATION (PARIS 46)

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1. On October 3 I had opportunity for informal talk with Senior Foreign Office official about allied ships carrying goods to Cuba. In response his question whether U.S. demarche to Netherlands Government could be expected in near future on this matter, I replied I was sure he realized U.S. took grave view trend events in Cuba and was particularly concerned about friendly shipping being used.

2. Foreign Office official went on to say he and certain others in Ministry were working hard to bring about some government action this matter. He then stated in confidence that he hoped within fortnight Netherlands Government would find it possible issue "strong advice" to Dutch shipping to refrain from carrying goods to Cuba. Advice would take form of letter to Dutch shipping companies and would probably be signed by Senior official (presumably in Ministry Transport). He said government would publish such letter.

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-2- 245, October 5, 9 A. M. from The Hague.

Comment: ~~I~~ I received impression source felt there is good chance government will agree advise Dutch shipping refrain from Cuban traffic. Source promised inform me soonest whether proposed action likely be taken or not. I urge this be held in strict confidence for present and treated as NOFORN.

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